

Includes \$1.65 million for Food Safety Project and \$1.61 million for Water Conservation Practices

Washington, DC - Friday, Congressman Harry Teague announced that \$5,091,000 in funding for programs at New Mexico State University has been approved by the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee. The 10 projects that would receive the funding are all administered within the school of agriculture and deal with critical research and development of food safety products, renewable energy resources, and drought management.

"New Mexico State University is one of the nation's premiere agricultural research institutions and the technologies that will be developed through these projects will be used throughout the world to protect the food we eat and produce renewable energy," said Congressman Harry Teague. "I am proud to have advocated for this funding and I look forward to working with NMSU on critical projects that continue to make southern New Mexico a leader in agricultural research."

NMSU Interim President Dr. Pacheco also weighed in on the recent news, "This is great news and I am very pleased to see that NMSU's initiatives have made it through this very important first step of the appropriations process. I thank Congressman Teague and members of the Delegation for their support, without which this would not have been possible. These projects will enable NMSU to continue important research that will help New Mexico."

Below is a summary of the projects and their funding levels:

Project

Amount

Cataloging Genes Associated with Drought and Disease Resistance Studying drought resistant plants

\$176,000

Oil Resources from Desert Plants - Development of new high-value a

\$176,000

Soil-borne Disease Prevention in Irrigated Agriculture- Study of methods for preventing cro

\$176,000

Range Improvement -Studying the impact of national pol

\$209,000

Nematode Resistance Genetic Engineering - Development of alternatives to crop

\$209,000

Southern Great Plains Dairy Consortium

- Addresses the major research and

\$235,000

Southwest Consortium for Plant Genetics and Water Resources

- Development of innovative plant bi

\$271,000

Rapid Syndrome Validation Program

- Syndromic Surveillance to allow v

\$379,000

Efficient Irrigation

- This initiative will continue to deve

\$1,610,000

NMSU Agricultural Products Food Safety Laboratory

- The laboratory evaluates new rapi

\$1,650,000

Total

\$5,091,000

The projects were approved by the Agricultural Appropriation Subcommittee this week and will be voted on by the full Appropriations Committee before the Agriculture Appropriations bill is brought up for a vote on the House floor.